

REGULAR SESSION, APRIL 4, 2022

Commissioner Bolduc opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Buhler, Commissioner Bolton and the Clerk, Denise Gill were present.

INDIGENT

Commissioner Buhler moved to go into an executive session pursuant to IC§31-874 to consider indigent matters. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bolton-Yes, Buhler- Yes, Bolduc-Yes. Director, Kathy Ball and Indigent Case Worker, Kaitlin Leguineche joined the meeting. The board recessed executive session and returned to regular session at 10:06 a.m. Commissioners Buhler and Bolton moved and seconded to deny 5211. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Buhler moved to go into an executive session pursuant to IC§74-206(a) & (b), personnel matter. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Returned to regular session at 10:28 a.m.

**CITY OF GOODING
IMPACT AREA**

City of Gooding; Mayor, Diane Houser, Public Works Director, Larry Bybee, Hayden Petersen, Planning and Zoning clerk, joined the meeting. Mayor Houser explained that they intend to modify their current impact area. They are already providing water and sewer to 74 homes that are not in the city limits. They have a few subdivisions that are being developed in the area. The County Commissioners agreed with the City of Gooding's proposal to modify the impact area. The County and City will develop ordinances to accept the proposed modification.

**PINNACLE TECHNOLOGIES
DOOR SECURITY AGREEMENT**

Commissioner Bolton moved to authorize Mark Bolduc, Chairman of the Board, to sign Pinnacle Technologies, Door Security Agreement for the EMS Building and Prosecutor's Building. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SUPPORT LOCAL GEMS

The Board received an email encouraging Idahoans to support small businesses in their communities. Senator Risch and his staff started Support Local Gems in the Spring of 2020 as a way to encourage Idahoans to support small businesses during the early days of the pandemic. Commissioner Bolton moved to support Senator Risch's initiative, Support Local Gems. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CITY OF GOODING
BRUSH AND TREE YARD**

Commissioner Buhler visited with Nate Francisco, Environmental Manager, Southern Idaho Solid Waste regarding supporting the City of Gooding Brush and Tree Yard. Commissioner Buhler reported that the City of Gooding Brush and tree yard it is not a legal dumping area. The county could put in a new dumping area with the responsibilities of all the expenses.

GOODING SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Gooding Soil Conservation District, joined the meeting. Kay Hults, Chairwoman, presented their annual report. Their annual plan explained their existence was established in 1947. Ms. Hults shared that today's farming allows for grazing of livestock after the harvest of crops. Arbor Day is coming up, where they encourage windbreaks and to protect soil from erosion. Derrick Romer, Soil Conservationist, works with NRCS offices in Gooding and Shoshone. Derrick works with farms in those areas. Joe Pavkov, District Board Member, explained they have received training for soil health, alfalfa growing, soil erosion, conserving water, etc. The group stated that they may start in person meetings soon. They have hired new girls from Shoshone to work the Community Garden.

MINUTES

Commissioner Buhler moved to approve the minutes for March 28, 2022. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SHOOTING RANGE ON HIGHWAY 26
SWENSONS**

Linda and Jeff Swenson, had incident where bullets from the shooting range, across from their home, went into their home. One bullet went into the bedroom where Linda was sleeping. Their camp trailer was shot. They have incurred expenses to make repairs and pay insurance. Sheriff Gough explained the shooting range is on BLM ground. Sheriff Gough will contact the BLM on the issue. The Swenson's have tried to contact the BLM but did not receive a return call.

ASSESSOR

The Board received a letter from the Tax Commission that tells the Assessor that his assessments are not in compliance. This year he will adjust before he sends out assessments. He has to increase land about 35% to come into compliance.

PLANNING AND ZONING

The Commissioners asked Planning and Zoning Administrator, Cathy Harris, what additional personnel they need in Planning and Zoning. Cathy expressed that they need someone that can receive plans and check that the plans are sufficient to go forward for approval. They need to help with the flow of costumers that come into the office. The Board asked Cathy what the other staff members responsibilities were. Cathy reported that the Emergency Manager feels her Emergency Management position is a full-time job. The Compliance Officer does research at Cathy's direction along with her Compliance Officer responsibilities. Cathy is hoping the new system, OpenGov, will be up in running the second week in May.

Chairman Bolduc recessed the regular session and opened the Ambulance District.

AMBULANCE DISTRICT

Director Kepler joined the meeting and presented proposals on ambulances. The company is anticipating a 18-24 month wait to receive an ordered ambulance. The Board will put a request for proposal for an ambulance on the next agenda. Kepler reported that the ambulance call volume has decreased as well as the interfacility transfers. The Board reviewed the collection statistics for the last six months. The Board requested Kepler to check with other Ambulance Districts to see if the percentage

of disallowed charges were approximately the same as Gooding County Ambulance District's and report back to them at the next meeting.

Chairman Bolduc adjourned the ambulance district at 12:35 p.m. and reconvened the regular session

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Commissioner Bolton reported that at a Region IV Development meeting they thought they may be able to keep SIED - Southern Idaho Economic Development going. Jan Rogers is the Interim Executive Director of SIED. At this time, they do not know where SIED will be housed. REDS-Rural Economic Development Services will be split and will not be part of SIED. They have split the counties into either SIED or REDS. Gooding County has been designated as a REDS county. Should Gooding County need assistance from SIED they are available.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

/s/Mark Bolduc
Mark E. Bolduc, Chairman

/s/Susan M. Bolton
Susan M. Bolton, Commissioner

/s/Ron Buhler
Ronald Buhler, Commissioner

Attest: /s/Denise M. Gill
Denise M. Gill, Clerk